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From: J. Herbert Alexander, Middleboro, Mass.

Arctostaphylos Uva-Ursi. (Bearberry) An excellent, fast growing, dense ground cover which is ideal for its beauty, dependability and usefulness: in the rock garden or in front of taller evergreens in the foundation planting, - adding to the beauty of the landscape; making very compact, very dwarf, trailing plants; developing thick mats of beautiful, shiny leaves (mahogany colored during the colder months); growing well in all soils and living for years with little care. In Fall and Winter it has the added attraction of red berries and in the Spring small white bells add to its beauty. Grows from 3 to 5 inches tall, trailing very gracefully over rocks and along the edges of the rockery. Can be pruned or sheared as desired. Absolutely hardy here in New England. Small plants 75¢ ea., 3 for \$2.00, 10 for \$6.00, 25 for \$14.00, 100 for \$40.00; 3 yr. old plants \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.50, 10 for \$15.00, 25 for \$25.00, 100 for \$90.00.

Ajuga Metalica Crispa. Ideal for rockery, ground cover and border. Best of the Ajuga group, having deep purplish-red foliage all the year around. Grows 5 to 7 inches tall and in June is covered with a crown of rich bright blue blossoms. Grows equally well in any type of soil and in sun or shade. A lovely ground cover. Very effective and attracts many visitors here at our gardens. Plants are 75¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50, 5 for \$2.00, 10 for \$4.00, 25 for \$9.00, 100 for \$30.00.

Calluna Vulgaris Alba Erecta. (Highland Heather) This lovely evergreen has pure white flowers from July to September on dense, bushy plants of a bright fresh green color, - most distinctive. 2 year old plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75, 10 for \$17.00.

Calluna Vulgaris, County Wicklow. Lovely for the rock garden, having shapely rounded bushy plants topped with fully double clear pink blossoms from July to October. Fine for border. 2 yr. plants for \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.75.

Calluna Vulgaris, J. H. Hamilton. One of the best varieties. A low spreading plant with thick dark green foliage and masses of double bright pink flowers from July to October. 2 yr. old plants for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75.

Calluna Vulgaris, Else Frye. Outstanding foliage of a bright fresh green color, low very neat, compact plant - ideal for the border or rockery or in foreground of foundation planting. Produces quantities of fully double white blossoms from July to October. 2 yr. old plants \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.75, 10 for \$17.00.

Calluna Vulgaris Foxii Nana. One of the smallest and most dwarf and most compact of all evergreens. Ideal for the rockery, border or for that small spot in the garden. It looks much like a compact miniature Arborvitae. Long established plants will develop lavender-pink blossoms in July and August. 2 yr. old plants for \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75; 3 yr. old plants for \$1.50 ea., 3 for \$4.00.

Calluna Vulgaris, Mrs. H. E. Beals. The finest and most beautiful of the flowering heathers, - blooming in Aug. and Sept. when most other rock garden plants are out of bloom. Its attractive soft-pink blossoms, very double and very charming, add greatly to the beauty of the garden. Effective in front of the foundation evergreen planting, grows usually 8 to 12 inches tall though older plants sometimes reach 24 inches tall. Likes protection from winds in Winter, best to plant in southern exposure. Hardy in New England. 2 yr. plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.50, 10 for \$17.00; 3 year old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00, 10 for \$20.00.

Calluna Vulgaris, Mrs. Pat. One of the prettiest. A dainty dark green little evergreen cushion with tips of new growth a vivid bright pink, attractive Fall foliage. Produces lavender flowers in July and August. Unique and distinctive having appearance of being in blossom all the time. Highly recommended. 2 year old plants for \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00, 10 for \$20.00.

Calluna Vulgaris, Mrs. R. H. Gray. This very neat, compact evergreen is a prostrate ground cover with dense mats of heavy dark green foliage and lateral spikes of lavender flowers during July and August. 2 yr. plants \$2.00 each.

Calluna Vulgaris Serleii Alba. One of the most rare and desirable. Pure golden foliage with white flowers. 2 year old plants for \$4.00 each.

Daphne Cneorum. (Mayflower Daphne) This delightfully fragrant and beautiful evergreen deserves extensive use in foreground of foundation plantings, along the border, in the rock garden or just as a specimen where a low (6 to 8" tall) spreading evergreen is desired. Its delightful fragrance is a joy to all being nearly like the fragrance of the Mayflower. The plant is covered with an amazing mass of rich pink creamy-tinted blossoms in late May and early June. Many of our young plants bloom in the Fall. Blossoms are in clustered heads and may appear spasmodically in the Fall. We have several of these fragrant and beautiful plants in our own foundation planting and enjoy the rich fragrance every Spring. Some of our older plants have a spread of three to four feet across and are our source of cutting material. 2 year old plants for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75, 5 for \$9.00, 10 for \$17.50; 3 yr. old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00, 10 for \$20.00; 4 yr. old plants \$3.00 each, 3 for \$8.50, 10 for \$25.00; 5 yr. plants \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00, 10 for \$30.00.

Daphne Cneorum Marginatum. Same as Daphne cneorum above except that its foliage has a white margin which gives a darker green appearance to the foliage, making it lovely and attractive. Grows equally well as the Mayflower Daphne having the same blooms and fragrance. 2 year old plants \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00; 3 year old plants for \$4.00 each, 3 for \$12.00; 5 year old plants for \$5.00 each.

Erica Carnea, Springwood White. This is a low growing Winter flowering heath which caps large areas of the Italian Alps. Its fast growing, distinctive evergreen foliage forms a beautiful light green mat which is covered from February to May with quantities of white flowers which have chocolate colored anthers making it outstanding. Plants are \$2.00 each 3 for \$5.75, 10 for \$17.00.

Erica Darleyensis. A cross of carnea x mediterranea, this hybrid is one of the very showiest and first to flower, developing lovely sprays of cherry-red flowers on sturdy stems from Nov. through the winter and coming into full bloom in Mar. and Apr. Plants form a rounded mound of dark green leaves which contrast effectively with its bright flowers. Height 18 inches. 2 yr. plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75, 10 for \$17.00.

Erica Vagans, Mrs. D. F. Maxwell. A beautifully rounded mound of sturdy upright growth with large clusters of vivid pink flowers from July to October. Excellent. Plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75, 10 for \$17.00.

Euonymus Radicans Aureo Marginatus. A most rare and attractive evergreen that adds charm and beauty to any planting, -suitable for rock garden or as ground cover. Its definite white and green variation in the foliage lends charm and beauty throughout the year. Leaves are small. - most attractive and quite similar to Euonymus Kewensis. In dry soil, foliage will have pinkish tints, - grows equally well in any soils but has better color if peat moss or woods earth is added to the soil. Can be pruned as desired. Very slow growing. 2 yr. old plants \$2.50 ea., 3 for \$7.00; 3 yr. plants \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00.

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Iberis Pygmea. This rare midget hardy Candytuft is ideal for the rockery as its tiny neat, compact, cushion-like, evergreen plants are seldom over two inches tall when fully grown. Has midget white blossoms and grows very, very slowly. 2 year old plants for 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00.

Iberis, Alexander's Early. Our new very early flowering development which flowers a week to ten days earlier than other Candytuft. Its neat, compact, evergreen, slow growing plants develop into clumps 6 to 9 inches tall and when in blossom in late April or early May, becomes a solid mass of lovely clear white blossoms. Very neat and compact rich, deep green foliage; very good grower which adapts itself to any conditions. Mature plants seven to eight years old are often 18 inches to 2 ft. across, - making a beautiful showing in the garden. 2 year old plants for \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00.

Iberis, Little Gem. Rare hardy Candytuft, very low growing; 3 to 5 inches tall globe shaped plants are neat and compact for rockery. Tiny white blossoms. 2 year old plants for \$.75 each, 3 for \$2.00.

Iberis, Snowflake. Largest, tallest and showiest of late May hardy Candytufts. Very vigorous growing, makes beautiful mass of showy white blooms. 2 year old plants \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.75; 3 yr. plants for \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00.

Iberis, Snowmantle. This new variety is a development of one of our plant breeding friends and is being offered by us for sale for the first time. Almost identical to Iberis, Purity, - but is a much faster and stronger grower and very vigorous. 2 year old plants for \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00.

Ilex Crenata Compacta. A charming dwarf evergreen having small, shiny, bright green foliage. Excellent for foreground planting in foundation plantings around the house. Grows 10 to 12 inches tall and has a spread of 12 to 15 inches across. This is a dwarf form of Ilex crenata convexa which is very compact and strikingly beautiful. Rare. Plants for \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00.

Ilex Crenata Convexa. Known as Japanese Holly, Korean Boxwood, and Box Holly. This rare dwarf evergreen from the Orient is one of the very best dwarf evergreens. Develops neat, very compact, shapely plants good for rockery, borders and foundation foregrounds wherever a slow growing, neat, compact evergreen is needed. Used in hedges, like Boxwood, and requires little shearing. This is thornless Holly which develops black berries that contrast attractively with its glossy green foliage. Very beautiful and very hardy. 2 year old plants for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.50 3 year old plants \$2.50 ea., 3 for \$7.00; 5 yr. plants for \$5.00; 6 yr. for \$10.00.

Ilex Crenata Hellerii. A very slow growing form of Holly (Japanese), having tiny leaves which grow on short, stiff stems and form a flat topped evergreen globe. 2 year old plants for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75.

Ilex Glabra. (Inkberry) The rich almost black-green foliage and glossy appearance of this low, spreading evergreen is very attractive when used in among other evergreens especially in foreground planting or in rockery. Its shiny black berries are very ornamental in the Fall. Likes sun or shade equally well. 2 yr. old plants \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75; 3 year old plants \$1.50 ea., 3 for \$4.00; 4 yr. old plants \$3.00 each, 3 for \$8.50; 5 year old plants (15 to 18 inches tall) \$5.00 ea.

Ilex opaca, St. Mary's. Considered one of the finest of the American Hollies. Plants are loaded with lovely bright red berries. This is the best of the hardy varieties and a native of New England. 4 yr. old plants for \$5.00 each.

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Kalmia Latifolia. (Mountain Laurel) This popular native evergreen of our countryside is ideal for shady locations in woodlands, on hillsides or in full sun in the garden. Its glossy green foliage which is covered with white flowers tinted with pink, in June, makes a beautiful show of color. Ideal for naturalizing. 3 yr. old plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.75; 4 yr. old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00, 10 for \$20.00; 5 yr. old plants \$5.00 each, 3 for \$14.00. Also some 18 to 24 inches tall for \$6.00 ea., 3 for \$15.00, 10 for \$45.00. Can quote larger sizes.

Kalmia Polifolia Rosemarinifolia. A native woodland evergreen that reaches a height of about 2 ft. Has long narrow evergreen blue-green leaves on thin stems, topped with large clusters of mauve-pink flowers in May. Likes semi or full shade. 3 year old plants \$1.50 each, 3 for \$4.00; 4 yr. old plants (12 to 15") for \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.50.

Lycopodium. (Princess Pine) A lovely native evergreen of the woodlands, prefers the shady locations and some dampness though it will grow in any type of soil. An excellent ground cover which makes dense masses when established. Grows 4 to 6 inches tall. Suitable for Christmas wreaths and for winter baskets and tubs for cemetery decoration. Plants 3 for \$1.00, 10 for \$3.00, 25 for \$14.00.

Rhododendron, Carmen. A rare and unusual true dwarf evergreen having dark green foliage and waxy dark red bells in late Apr. or early May. Very slow growing; ideal for rockery. Highly recommended to plant connoisseurs. 2 yr. old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00; 3 year old plants \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00.

Rhododendron, Impeditum. Most dwarf of all rhododendrons. Very slow grower and quite lovely with its blue-green midget foliage and its tiny rich deep blue flowers. These midget plants from China are very compact and excellent for the rock garden enthusiast who likes rare things. 2 yr. old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00; 3 year old plants \$3.50 each, 3 for \$10.00.

Rhododendron, Jock. A Williamsianum hybrid from China. One of the best dwarf pink varieties with bell shaped, deep pink flowers. Ideal for the rock garden. \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.50; 3 yr. old plants \$3.00 each, 3 for \$8.00.

Rhododendron, Racemosum. One of the best colors in dwarf rhododendrons for the rock garden. Grows 12 to 18 inches high so would do well in the background but as it grows very slowly and rather irregularly it makes a lovely specimen for naturalizing. Blossoms are large and a bright rosy-pink with white shadings. A very desirable novelty blooming in April. Native of China. 2 yr. old plants \$2.50 ea. 3 for \$7.00; 3 year old plants \$3.00 each, 3 for \$8.00.

Rhododendron, Racil. A lovely dwarf variety having dainty shell-pink flowers. Fine for the rockery. 2 yr. plants \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.50, 3 yr. old plants \$2.50 each, 3 for \$7.00.

Yucca Filamentosa. (Adam's Needle) Hardy native of arid regions of southwestern USA. One of the showiest of the flowering evergreens. The tall, stately flower stem grows about 3 to 4 ft. tall and towers above the stiff, long, dagger-like leaves which usually grow about 10 to 18 inches high. Edges of leaves have slender thread-like filaments attached which are probably the source of its common name of "Thread and Needle Plant." The sharp needles make it good for in among foundation evergreens where dogs are a nuisance. In July, large creamy-white cup-shaped bells are produced in tremendous clusters on stems with limited foliage. Easy to grow in any soils, practically indestructible, requiring little care. Field-grown 2 year old roots 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00, 10 for \$6.00; 3 yr. old roots \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 10 for \$8.00; 4 yr. old roots \$1.50 ea., 3 for \$4.00, 10 for \$12.00; 5 yr. old roots \$2.00 ea., 3 for \$5.00, 10 for \$15.00.